



Open Space Committee

Minutes

**Thursday, March 24, 2016, 7:30 pm
Town Hall Annex, First Floor**

Attendees: Ann LeRoy, John Pickle, David White, Joey Glushko, Wendy Richter

Absent: Teresa DeBenedictis, Jane Auger, Elena Bartholomew, Kelsey Cowen

Guests (prospective OSC member): Brian Kelder

The Committee accepted the minutes from both the January meeting and the revised minutes of the February meeting (by John).

Committee Membership – Kelsey Cowen and Wendy Richter received final approval from the Board of Selectmen. Ann and Brian Kelder met with the Town Manager, and Brian's appointment is awaiting confirmation.

Long time OSC member and Vision 2020 representative Elizabeth Karpati has moved away. Ann has contacted Juli Brazile about appointing a new OSC liaison for Vision 2020.

The committee thanked Joey for revisions to the OSC page on the Town website. She will update the membership list when all changes are confirmed.

Joey distributed copies of the final Open Space and Recreation Plan to the Town offices and departments that we had determined previously. The 2 extra copies remaining will be held by the Planning Department. The OS Plan is also available on line.

The committee discussed tracking and documentation of the committee's progress towards the goals set forth in the OS Plan recommendations. We discussed the development of a matrix of tasks/activities based on the OS Plan (as the Master Plan Implementation Committee is doing). This matrix would direct and document follow-through with the OS plan. A first step would be to develop a list of OSC projects planned and coordination with other committees or departments involved. John suggested using "C Map" app for coordination of projects and committees.

There is a newly filled position in Natural Resources for the town. Joey will find out more about the new employee (Jeff Rikeman), and whether he could become the liaison for DPW with the OSC.

Projects:

Kelsey was planning to attend the March 14 ACC meeting to find out more about possible funding to produce the maps for the Walking Project. A discussion about the name of the Connecting Arlington/Walking Project was put off until the next meeting when Kelsey would be present.

Kelsey has been receiving input on the walking routes in East Arlington and is looking for more input as the weather improves and more people are out walking the route and sending her their notes. The map of the preliminary route was included as an attachment in an earlier OSC e-mail.

David shared the brochure from "Across Lexington" as a possible model for the Arlington walking project.

Wendy mentioned the Walking in Arlington group she talked with at Eco Fest and said that they are interested in coordinating with the OS walking project.

Wendy also brought up the older "Farm Houses" that are interspersed around town and could be points of interest along the walking routes. She will look into some of the historic lists Ann mentioned and other historic mapping sources.

John gave a report on the Picture Post Project. There was much interest at the Eco Fest for this project. He would like to add more posts at the Arlington Reservoir and Robbins Farm. Getting more publicity for this project from the Advocate and the Arlington List was discussed.

The Res. Committee has scheduled an art exhibit at Town Hall - September of 2016.

The 9 CPA projects are currently being considered, including the Spy Pond erosion project supported by the OSC. There was no news to report.

Town Meeting:

The OSC supported the Con Comm.'s "no action" on the Mt Gilboa Warrant Article. The OSC discussed the proposed Tree Preservation/Replacement Article, noting the OS Plan only addresses trees on public property. David will e-mail members the wording of the Tree Warrant Article for further consideration. The CC meeting April 7 will include discussion of this article and later CC will send their comments to the Tree Committee.

Brian shared a photo of a run of white suckers at Cooke's Hollow. He observed 80 fish coming up river to spawn.

2016 Meetings

April 28, May 26, June 23, July (TBD), August (TBD), September 22, October 27, November 10, December 8

Minutes prepared by Wendy Richter